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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7237**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 373**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Qualified Medication Aide Certification.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires qualified medication aides to be certified. It requires the Health Facilities Council to establish the education and training programs for qualified medication aides. The bill also establishes a registry and procedures for violation hearings.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill requires the Health Facilities Council to establish a program for certifying qualified medication aides (QMAs), which is to include education and training programs, a competency test, certification fees, and procedures for determining functional standards. The bill also provides that the Council shall maintain a registry of qualified medication aides and may conduct violation hearings. Because the Council currently provides each of these requirements, it would experience minimal fiscal impact due to the provisions in this bill.

*Background:* The Health Facilities Council already has established course requirements, necessary fees and functional standards for QMAs. The Council also currently provides for the testing of QMAs and charges a \$20 one-time fee for the test. A contractor is used to administer the exam.

Because each QMA must previously be a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), the Council would not need to create an additional registry. The Council currently maintains a registry for CNAs, which contains approximately 20,000 QMAs. The Council also conducts hearings as needed for violations made by CNAs, and believes any additional hearings would have a minimal fiscal impact.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Health Facilities Council, Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Marylin Cage, Department of Health.